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Marlene Dortch, Esq., Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication, CS Docket No. 98-120  
(Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast Signals)

This letter reports on a June 11, 2012 voicemail message I left with Dave Grimaldi, Chief of Staff and Media Legal Advisor for Commissioner Mignon Clyburn. Also participating on the call was Joycelyn James, Senior Attorney and Cathy Hughes Fellow of MMTC.

In the message, I stated that MMTC does not have a position on either side of the merits of revising the current viewability requirements for must-carry stations. However, I expressed my view that the Commission does not have sufficient data in the record to determine how the Commission's proposal might (1) impact ownership diversity, or (2) impact low-income cable subscribers. It would be advisable for the Commission to take the time to collect data on these matters and consider the relevant facts before it renders a decision on the merits of the issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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President